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Request for Review

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In regards to:

USAC Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2005-2006

Dated: August 15, 2006

Form 471 Application Number: 463624

Billed Entity Name: Fairland Indep School Dist 31

Billed Entity Number: 140135

Applicant's Form Identifier: 2005 471 I

SUMMARY

Hello, my name is Mary Caudill. I am writing to you again on behalf of Fairland Public Schools. We are a small school district with a student body population of approximately 550. Each year we apply to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) for funding assistance in telecommunications. This year we were denied funding for both Priority 1 and Priority 2 items. I have already filed a request for review for the Priority 1 items. I just recently received the denial for Priority 2 items. The reason given for denial was "Applicant has not provided sufficient documentation to determine the eligibility of this item." We send the same information each year including statements, quotes, etc. We submitted an appeal letter with requested documentation to the SLD in regards to the decision made on Form 471 application number 463624 on March 24, 2006. We received a decision letter dated August 15, 2006 once again denying eligibility but this time giving a more detailed reason not given before. SLD states that we failed to respond to the Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) in a timely manner. We have no record of any correspondence with the PIA. They assert the PIA sent out emails on two separate dates requesting our FCC Registration Number and additional documentation on FRN 1283885. We are compliant with the FCC Registration Number which was obtained on January 24, 2005 (#0012571436). We would have gladly responded immediately to provide any additional information needed if we would have received a notice. Please do not let our funding be denied due to a technicality. The person that completed our form is no longer at our school but I did contact him regarding these emails he would have received from SLD and he had no record of any such emails.

It is imperative that we receive this funding. Please review this matter and reverse this decision. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Mary Caudill
Director of Technology
Fairland Public Schools